

The Update

Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter
Halifax and Readsboro Schools
June 5 ,2020

The information through [this link](#) provides support in a variety of areas that families might find helpful.

Principal's Note

June 5, 2020

Dear WSWSU Community,

The administrative team members below would like to take a moment to acknowledge the challenging and heartbreaking events that have unfolded in our country in the past weeks.

We value relationships and commit to honoring the individual stories of the people who live in our communities and beyond. We agree with the Vermont Superintendents, Principals, and School Boards Associations in condemning the recent killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor, and in recognizing that these events reaffirm the need for action to end systemic racial violence ([VSA, VPA, VSBA Statement, June 2, 2020](#)). We stand with our students and families of color and of diverse backgrounds.

We acknowledge our shared commitment to educational equity, and will continue to examine our own biases. In the days moving forward we commit to listening and learning ourselves so that we can contribute to creating a future of equity for all peoples. We recognize that we have a responsibility to educate students in how to be good citizens, who can practice kindness and respect for diversity in our world.

As we move forward in our daily lives, may we always remain mindful of our actions and always be willing to be compassionate, thoughtful and supportive of each other.

In kindness,

Barbara Anne Komons-Montroll, Superintendent
Sandy Pentak-Cohen, Principal Southern Valley Schools
Rebecca Fillion, Principal Twin Valley Elementary School
Anna Roth, Principal Twin Valley Middle High School
Michael RobbGrieco, Director of Curriculum & Technology Integration WSWSU
Tate Erickson, Director of Special Education WSWSU

Graduation News

Dear Parents, Staff, and Students,

On Friday, June 12th, members from Halifax and Readsboro school staff will embark to Readsboro and Halifax to stop at each of the graduates' houses. The Board Chair will issue each graduate their diploma, and staff will deliver some goodies and gifts. The stops at each house should last approximately 10-15 minutes and will include video recording and pictures (which will be posted on the school website, and sent to each graduate).

To help us make this run smoothly, we ask that upon arrival each graduate will be prepared to receive their diploma, gifts, and pose for pictures. If your family would like to participate as well, we ask that you follow the guidelines of social distancing.

The signs have been placed, congratulate our 8th graders by honking as you pass by!



Student Work

Readsboro School Remembered

A student interview

My grandfather Richard Codogni attended Readsboro school from 1959 to 1967. He attended the old Readsboro school for 4 years and the new Readsboro school for 4 years. The old school was where the Fire Department is now. The new school is the current school. The new school was more modern than the old school.

School went from 8 until 3 Monday through Friday. He walked to school Monday through Friday. Each day he ran home to eat lunch. The kids went out and played at recess. He had 23 kids in his class. He used paper, pencil, etc. in school. The school had desks and chalk boards. There was picture day when Richard was in school. If someone got yelled at they would get a one hour detention. They treated their teachers with respect.

Richard did not really like school, but he did like learning. One thing he did like was school dances. His favorite subject was math. His favorite teacher was Mr. Nickalow.

Carla Sprague

Resources

A resource for parents:

[How to talk to your children about protests and racism](#)

By Sandee LaMotte, CNN



VPM- Virginia's Home for public Media

Technology Device Returns

We will be collecting all technology devices at the end of our school year, to make sure that we have enough for grades K-8 at each campus.

Halifax Drop off Information: On June 12th, 2020, between 2pm and 6pm we will have a drop off point at the school, in the back parking lot, by the gym, for the return of all technology devices . Devices need to be checked back in with chargers,, keyboards, etc.. Joe Moss, our IT coordinator, will be there to accept devices.

Readsboro Drop off Information: On June 12th, 2020, between 1pm and 6pm we will have a drop off point at the school. Devices need to be checked back in with chargers,, keyboards, etc.

Devices should be bagged with students name written clearly

Free Ice Cream!

Post a picture of YOU with
WINGS HELLO sign and

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free ice cream ! 

Go to
wingscommunityprograms
Facebook page to post
your pic!



The FIRST 20 people from each town that post their picture on Wings Facebook page will win a free ice cream!

Sign will move between Readsboro, Halifax, Whitingham, and Wilmington over the next few weeks!



Lost and Found

Do you think your child has left behind a favorite sweatshirt, jacket or boots? If so please contact your child's teacher or the Administrative Assistant at the school and we will look for the items you might be missing. At the end of the year we will be donating any lost and found articles of clothing to a local charity.

Please remember the [SVUUSD webpage](#) will keep you informed of any state memos, and or announcements on the State, District and School Newsletter section. The District has created a [E learning website](#) that provides more detail as to the process that we are engaging in for distance learning, this too will be updated and teachers websites can be accessed under the [Scho](#)